

Divine Decluttering

1 Samuel 21-23

What do we discover when we undergo a season of divine decluttering?

We discover that if we have nothing except God in our life, we have more than enough.

1. Seasons of divine decluttering come upon us.
2. These are seasons to courageously trust and obey God.
3. These seasons remind us that God is the One we really need.

Discussion Questions

- 1.** With your belongings, do you tend to live on the minimalist or pack-rat side of the spectrum? Why?
- 2.** How was the concept of “divine decluttering” defined in the sermon?
- 3.** Think through the rest of Scripture. Who else in the Bible underwent one or more seasons of divine decluttering?
- 4.** Have you felt like you’ve been through this kind of season in your life? If you feel comfortable talking about it, briefly share what securities were removed from your life and what you learned about walking with God.
- 5.** What are some common things that people tend to rely on in hard times (other than God)? Is it inherently wrong to look to these people or things for help?
- 6.** Speculate: why might God allow good things to be taken away from a believer’s life?
- 7.** During David’s season of being on the run, where was David’s trust? Support your answer with specific verses.
- 8.** At the start of chapter 21, David only has his sandals and the clothes on his back. What has been added to his life by the end of chapter 23? How were these added to his life?
- 9.** Review the story of David’s escape from Saul in 23:13-29. Was his escape at the “Rock of Parting” natural or supernatural? Make your case from scripture.
- 10.** The main point of this passage is that God is more than enough for us. What is one concrete application of this principle in your life? How might your thinking or actions change?